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Lawsuits plague local officials

Northville Township board sued by former fire chief

Former Northville Township Fire Chief Richard Marinucci has sued the municipality for $175,000 claiming wrongful termination, age discrimination, violation of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and denial of due process, among seven separate counts.

Marinucci, 62, was named township fire chief in 2009 and claims in his court filings that he was asked by Northville Township officials in March to resign or be fired due to findings in the township audit. The township was told, according to Marinucci's court filings, that the financial audit would not be "clean" due to "related party disclosures" including a number of fire associations for which Marinucci's wife worked and with which the township conducted business. In the lawsuit, Marinucci claims that township officials were long aware of his relationship and involvement with the industry associations.

The lawsuit was dramatically served on the members of the township board of trustees and administrators during public comments at the regular board meeting last week. Named in the lawsuit are Township Manager Chip Snider, finance Director Marina Neumaier, Public Safety Director John Werth, Human Resources Director and Assistant Manager Debbie Wilhelm, Township Supervisor Bob Nix, Clerk Sue Hillebrand, Treasurer Marjorie Banner and trustees Marvin Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Hermann and Fred Shadko.

Werth, who accepted the legal papers on behalf of the administration and board members from the process server said that he felt the "antics were meant to embarrass the board."

The court filings claim that township officials including Snider and the members of the finance committee were informed there was an issue with the financial audit and asked Marinucci to attend a meeting, along with Neumaier. Marinucci claims in his suit that shortly thereafter Werth came to his office and told him to resign or be terminated.

Marinucci claims that he refused to resign and was subsequently ordered to immediately leave the building. He also claims he was denied the opportunity to speak to township officials regarding the issue, as he requested.

He is asking for no less than $25,000 on each of seven counts

Richard Marinucci

in the lawsuit filed by Novi attorney Jill Schinske.

His age discrimination claim is based on Werth's replacing

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'Dark Money' funds suit to disqualify Plymouth candidates

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Questions regarding the true identity of the plaintiff in a legal complaint filed in Wayne County Circuit Court May 13 demanding the removal of two Plymouth Township candidates from the August ballot continue to surface.

The validity of the named plaintiff, Carl Berry, 76, a former police chief and Republican Party activist, has been questioned by attorney reference footnotes at the bottom of the court filings which indicate that the legal documents were prepared for Faith & Freedom Plymouth Township.

Berry admitted that the legal fees for the lawsuit are being paid by Faith & Freedom but claims that the lawsuit was his own idea. He said that he "has no idea" what the legal fees or costs for the suit will total.

The legal paperwork, more than 50 pages of arguments, claims that Kurt Heise, a current term-limited state representative and candidate for township supervisor, and Don Schnettler, a candidate for trustee, did not designate the township voting precinct in which they live on the required affidavit of identification when filing to seek office.

> *Berry said that he "has no idea" what the legal fees or costs for the suit will total.*

Named in the lawsuit are Township Clerk Nancy Conzelman and Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett, the Wayne County Election Commission and the Plymouth Township Election Commission. Heise and Schnettler maintain the omission was a minor oversight and can be simply corrected by an amended filing. They have further claimed that the lawsuit is a political ploy aimed primarily at Heise, the only challenger of current Township Supervisor Shannon Price on the Aug. 2 ballot.

Berry said that he is a Price supporter. He said that as a "Republican activist I do this a lot." He said he went to township hall and personally reviewed the filings and discovered the omission.

A footnote on page 1 of the complaint, filed by attorney Robert Huth Jr. of Kirk, Huth, Lange and Badalamenti, references Faith & Freedom/Plymouth Township. Patrick Purtill, Jr. serves as the Director of Legislative Affairs for Faith & Freedom. The organization website description states the group is "…committed to educating, equipping, and mobilizing people of faith and like-minded individuals to be effective citizens."

Recently, political mailers criticizing Heise for his support of various House Bills in Lansing that peppered mailboxes in the 48170 zip code also included the Faith & Freedom Coalition of Michigan logo. The controversial mailers contain an address in Brighton; one listed on the non-profit Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Annual Report as the formal address for President Terry Bowman and

Kurt Heise

Director Randall Thompson.

Heise claims that when he contacted the national organization, Purtill disavowed any knowledge, claim or responsibility for the lawsuit or the mailers, adding that the Faith & Freedom leaders were concerned as they had no knowledge of an active Michigan chapter.

Purtill called the Berry litigation "ridiculous" and sent Heise an endorsement for his work on Criminal Justice Reform in the

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Van Buren teachers demand damages, return to classrooms

Four teachers in the Van Buren School District have filed a federal lawsuit demanding punitive and compensatory damages from the school system and six of the seven board of education members.

The teachers were accused of cheating on state-required tests by helping students at Savage Elementary School answer questions on the new M-STEP examination. Students at the school scored sixth highest in the state on the math portion and in many cases scored higher than schools dedicated to teaching gifted students. Former Superintendent of Schools Michael VanTassel was ordered by state investigators to conduct an investigation into the allegations of impropriety and five teachers were subsequently forcibly removed from the school in full view of students in January. One of the teachers has settled with the district and returned to work after agreeing to take no further legal action against the district. The four named in the lawsuit include Pamela Bradley, Michelle Komoroni, Brent Held and Rebecca Tennis.

> *Conflict regarding the situation has raged and parents have been vocal at crowded meetings of the school board demanding answers.*

The teachers claim that the district has not formally charged them with any wrongdoing but that they have remained on administrative leave for months. They remain adamant that they were not involved in any cheating and are seeking a return to their jobs, to have any disciplinary records removed from their personnel files and compensatory and punitive financial damages.

Conflict regarding the situation has raged and parents have been vocal at crowded meetings of the school board demanding answers. VanTassel's investigation claimed that the teachers inappropriately coached the students during the testing and alerted them to incorrect answers and provided correct responses. The controversy is alleged to have been a factor in VanTassel's separation from the school district.

The teachers are represented in the suit, filed May 20, by attorney Deborah Gordon of Bloomfield Hills. In the suit only school board member Sherry Frazier is not named among the defendants while VanTassel, interim Superintendent Shonta Longford-Green, and board members Brent Mikulski, Martha Toth, Kathy Kovach, Kevin English, Alison Bennett and Kelly Owen are defendants. The suit claims that the defendants intentionally misled the public and stated publicly that they were involved in a cheating scandal.

The teachers claim that the superintendent and board members violated their freedom of speech, freedom of expression, freedom of association, freedom to petition and due process rights. They claim they have been forced out of the classroom for five months without any formal claim of wrongdoing or disciplinary action.

Belleville - Romulus

Romulus senior wins Gates Millennium Scholarship

For the second consecutive year, the Gates Millennium Scholars Program has awarded a scholarship to a Romulus High School Senior. Kingsley Enenchukwu was chosen from 53,000 applicants to follow in the footsteps of Brooke Waldon who was awarded the prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarship last year. Waldon is currently pursuing her degree at Syracuse University. As required, Enenchukwu maintained honor roll status in addition to writing eight scholarly essays.

The scholarship will now allow him to pursue a degree in any undergraduate major and selected graduate programs at any accredited college or university. His plan is to attend the University of Michigan to study finance.

"When I got the letter, I was nervous to open it. I'm so grateful to have this opportunity to represent my community and those who have helped me along the way. My goal is to eventually work on Wall Street," said Enenchukwu.

Established in 1999 with the goal of developing Leaders for America's Future, the Gates Millennium Scholars program is funded by a $1.6 billion grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The program removes the financial barriers to education for high-performing, low-income students. Each year, the Gates Millennium program enables 5,000 students to attend and graduate from 800 of the most selective private and public schools in the country.

"To have students in back-to-back years win this scholarship is a true testament of their dedication and work ethic. It is a reflection of the performance that our administrators, teaching staff and counselors are doing," said Marjie McAnally, superintendent of Romulus Community Schools.

Kingsley Enenchukwu

Pennsylvania Project gains traction

> "We're trying to get that going again. The process has to get some traction in D.C.

The "Pennsylvania Project" may be gaining some traction in Romulus.

Officials are working with their neighbors and county, state and federal elected officials in hopes of getting a grade separation at the railroad crossing on Pennsylvania Road.

"We're trying to get that going again," said Romulus Mayor Leroy Burcroff. "The process has to get some traction in D.C."

Councilman William Wadsworth brought up the issue recently, after a fire in Huron Township destroyed a home-in part because a train blocked public safety responders from getting to the scene in time.

Even in non-emergency situations, trains can block the intersection-and those nearby-for long periods of time, causing delays and frustrations.

"It gets blocked sometimes from Eureka to Sibley to Pennsylvania at the same time," Wadsworth said. "Recently I went to buy gas and it took me 30 minutes to come back with five gallons of gas."

Romulus officials had long wanted to get something done about the crossing, to improve public safety and for the convenience of residents of Romulus, Huron Township as well as travelers to and from Metro Airport. The project dated back at former Mayor Bill Oakley, who had the foresight to ask airport engineers to set aside dirt to build the overpass when they were developing the most recent airport runways. At one time, there was about $15 million in federal funds set aside for the project, but those funds have since been reallocated.

The Romulus City Council members adopted a resolution in support of the project to share with neighboring officials, county, state and federal legislators.

"We have to get a concerted effort to get it going," said Burcroff. "We'll work it through. We'd love to get a grade separation; that's the ultimate solve."

"I think everyone would agree: it would benefit the railroad, it would benefit Huron Township, it would benefit us and it would benefit Metro Airport, too," Wadsworth said.

Environmental issues discussed

Dave Wilson, a member of the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, was a speaker at a forum on environmental issues hosted by State Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton) last week.

The event brought together four panelists who discussed issues and answered audience questions including Laura Rubin, executive director of the Huron River Watershed Council; Charlotte Jameson, policy manager at the Michigan League of Conservation Voters; Andrew Sarpolis, organizing representative for the Sierra Club and Wilson.

"Our state is home to an abundance of natural resources and it is so important that we do everything we can to preserve these resources for future generations," Pagan said. "Protecting our environment has been, and will continue to be, one of my top priorities. It was an honor to be joined by these environmental leaders who work so hard to help protect the health and well-being of the Great Lakes State."

At the forum, Pagan and the panelists discussed several critical issues including energy policy, pipeline safety, and the dangers of runoff contaminants. Panelists agreed that runoff contamination is a serious threat to Michigan waterways and they applauded Pagan's House Bill 5174, which aims to protect the state from the hazards of coal-tar based sealants. They also took questions from the audience on a number of other topics including the dangers of the dioxane plume creeping toward one of the main water supplies in the city of Ann Arbor, the importance of companies being environmentally compliant, and what citizens can do to effectively communicate their environmental concerns with their state legislators.

"The turnout was incredible and the conversations were very productive," Pagan said. "I know that these discussions will help foster sound environmental policy in our state. I appreciate everyone who took the time out of their busy schedules to attend, including my four panelists, and I look forward to continuing work on strategies to preserve our environment."

Panelsits discuss environmental concerns at a recent forum hosted by State Rep. Kristy Pagan.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON TRUTH-IN-TAXATION

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
36540 Grant Road
Romulus, MI 48174

A Public Hearing on its proposed 2016-2017 tax levies will be held by the Board of Education of the Romulus Community School District on:

Monday, June 13, 2016
at 5:45 p.m.
in the
Board of Education Office
36540 Grant Road
Romulus, MI 48174

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED L-4029 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE ROMULUS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M. ON JUNE 10, 2016

Romulus Board of Education

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NOTICE

The Romulus Board of Education will conduct a Regular meeting on June 13, 2016 at 6 p.m. to approve the 2016-2017 Budget. The meeting will be held in the Board of Education Office at 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

Copies of the Budget will be available for review in the Romulus Board of Education Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on June 10, 2016.

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CITY OF ROMULUS

NOTICE OF Final Statement for Transfer of CDBG Funds
FY 2016/17

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Pursuant to federal guidelines, the Romulus City Council voted on Monday, May *2, 2016 at 7:30 pm* to adopt the following final project and transfer funds from fiscal years 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/2016 to purchase property in a qualifying area where 70.99% of the population is low to moderate income, for the purpose of expanding a community park. These funds total $150,308.20.

The primary objectives of the Federal HUD CDBG program are to assist low to moderate income families directly or to provide benefits in areas where 51% of the residents are low to moderate income, such as replacing the urban infrastructure of streets, improve recreational facilities and programs and assist in meeting special needs of the elderly and physically disabled.

The following projects have been adopted and will meet HUD objectives by benefiting low and moderate-income families, preserving deteriorating housing stock and enhancing parks and public facilities.

OBJECTIVES:

A. Benefitting Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Persons
B. Benefitting Low and Moderate Income Limited Clientele (LMC) Persons
C. Addressing Slums and Blight or Low and Moderate Income Housing Benefit
D. Meeting a particularly urgent community development need

ACTIVITY	Proposed Project Amount:	* Objectives Met:
Transfer from Parks/Recreation Jobs FY 14/15	$73,312.03	
To: Acquisition/Historical Park FY 14/15 Census Tract 5859, Block 2		A
Transfer from Parks/Recreation Jobs FY 15/16	$73,600	
To: Acquisition/Historical Park FY 15/16 Census Tract 5859, Block 2		A
Transfer from Housing Rehab FY 13/14	$3,396.17	
To: Acquisition/Historical Park FY 15/16 Census Tract 5859, Block 2		A
	$150,308.20	

For further information, contact the Economic Development Department, City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, (734) 942-7545.

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CANTON - NORTHVILLE

Opioid abuse is target of new effort

The Canton Police and Fire Departments have joined forces with local community health organizations and Growth Works, Inc., to address opioid abuse, now considered a national epidemic. Opioids are a class of drugs derived from the opium poppy, including morphine, codeine and heroin; they also include synthetics like oxycodone, hydrocodone and the extremely potent fentanyl, a police spokesperson said.

Earlier this year, public safety officials noted a remarkable increase in the number of reported overdoses involving opioid drugs. In 2015, Canton police and fire personnel responded to 23 overdoses, with seven resulting in death. This year to-date, the departments have already responded to 24 calls of overdoses, with four resulting in death. Of the 47 total overdoses since January 2015, 66 percent of the individuals fall into the age bracket of 18-30 years old.

"The increase in runs Canton Public Safety is responding to for individuals experiencing a drug overdose is alarming, and unfortunately, aligns with the upward trend being experienced throughout the state and nation," said Public Safety Director Joshua Meier.

Nationwide, heroin overdose deaths have tripled from 2010 to 2013, according to federal prosecutors-and the number of deaths from all drug overdoses exceeded 43,000 individuals in 2014.

> *This year to-date, the departments have already responded to 24 calls of overdoses, with four resulting in death.*

The intent of the newly-formed partnership in Canton is to attack drug abuse/addiction in the community with a two-pronged approach: police and fire department personnel will continue providing their respective services to the community including educational programs, prosecution of drug offenses, and treatment for overdose patients.

The second prong comes with the new partnership aimed at securing resources for proactive approaches toward reducing drug use and abuse in Canton.

Growth Works, Inc. was recruited to into the partnership as a valuable resource for addicts seeking help.

Growth Works, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization serving youth and families in western Wayne County since 1971. The agency provides innovative chemical dependency and substance abuse programs for addicts and recovering addicts. Growth Works, Inc. can be reached at (734) 495-1722. The agency is also a valuable assistance resource for individuals impacted by a friend or loved-one's addiction.

"Opioid abuse has no socio or economic boundaries-addicts are not just street people or junkies-they can be your friends, co-workers or relatives, and their addiction usually results in tragedy for those around them," said Deputy Police Chief Debra Newsome.

Northville police join new accreditation program

The Northville Township Police Department was among the first to join a new accreditation program to ensure enforcement standards.

Following a decision by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police to adopt a program which would help improve police standards of conduct and standards, Northville agreed to participate. Northville Township Director of Public Safety John Werth is the president of the police chiefs association.

The accreditation program includes 105 standards and departments participating will be required to demonstrate proof of compliance in categories that include administration to use of force.

Werth said that Northville Township was the first agency to apply for the accreditation when the program was announced.

"We look forward to leading the way on the process," Werth said.

Northville Police Sgt. Samantha Bowlin will act as project manager on the accreditation program. Assessors from the police association will be invited to visit the department to review practices and processes to ensure compliance with all the prescribed standards.

Werth said that the accreditation would strengthen the accountability of the department within the community with clearly defined standards of authority, performance and responsibility.

Warm welcome

The Canton Police Department welcomed new police officer Lamar Frederick to the department last week. Frederick took his oath of office with his family in attendance and was congratulated by Township Public Safety Director Josh Meier. All new police officers in Canton are required to successfully complete a 16-week instructor-led field training program, prior to working on their own. This program is designed to orientate and develop recruit officers, maximizing their potential and providing them with the tools necessary to successfully make the transition into their new position as a Canton police officer, officials said.

Chief

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him without being a qualified fire administrator and the violation of the Open Meetings Act due to the failure of the board members to determine his termination at a public meeting.

"The township manager (Snider) will be handling all personnel issues in this matter," Werth said.

Snider said that the Michigan Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) will respond to the charges and represent Northville Township in the legal proceedings.

"I believe the plaintiff's allegations are incorrect. As the lawsuit discovery process proceeds with interrogatories and depositions there will be ongoing discussions and everything will come out," Snider added. "I want the public to know our commitment to provide solid leadership and know that the fire department is in good hands."

Crash severely injures 2

Canton police continue to investigate a two-car collision which seriously injured the drivers of two vehicles May 19.

According to police reports, officers responded to the area of Michigan Avenue at Sheldon Road at about 1:51 p.m. last Thursday. At the scene they observed a 1995 Chevrolet which had been traveling southbound on Sheldon Road that had collided with a 1994 Dodge pickup truck driven by a 17-year-old Belleville resident that had been traveling eastbound on Michigan Avenue. The Chevrolet was driven by a 30-year-old Taylor resident, police said.

The drivers of both vehicles sustained serious injuries and were transported to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. The driver from Taylor was listed in critical condition, police said.

The Canton Police Accident Investigation Team was called to the scene and eastbound Michigan Avenue was closed to traffic as the investigation continued.

Police said that alcohol does not appear to have been a factor in the crash which remains under investigation.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 9, 2016 for the following:

Consulting Services for the Canton Leisure Services 5 Year Strategic Plan

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Notice of Public Hearing
Charter Township of Canton
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Program Year (PY) 2016 Action Plan and PY 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan

The Charter Township of Canton is adopting its **Annual Action Plan for Program Year (PY) 2016 from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017** and its 2**016-2020 Consolidated Plan** for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds at **$310,524.00**

The Finance Department encourages all parties to participate at a PUBLIC HEARING on **Tuesday, May 31, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. at the Canton Administration Building - Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan.** Otherwise all communications should be addressed in writing to the Financial Analyst, Canton Township- Finance Department, Mike Sheppard, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan, 48188.

Canton will provide technical assistance to citizens and groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing funding request proposals and in the review of program activities and program performance. In addition, Canton will make adequate provisions to assist non-English speaking residents in interpreting program opportunities and provisions on a case-by-case basis, as well as provide auxiliary aides and services for individuals with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations must contact Mike Sheppard at **(734) 394-5225**, e-mail mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org or in writing to the Finance Department, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188 **ATTN: Action Plan/Consolidated Plan Public Hearing.** Requests for special accommodations must be made with reasonable advance notice.

Mike Sheppard
Financial Analyst
Finance Department

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – May 17, 2016

A joint meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton with the Downtown Development Authority and the Planning Commission was held Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Board Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sneideman, Williams, Yack Downtown Development Authority Members Present: Cojei, Giove, Greene, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Downtown Development Authority Members Absent: Grasso, Gray, Jones, Kleinglass, Rugiero, Volante, Waldbauer Planning Commission Members Present: Greene, McLaughlin, Okon, Perkins, Planning Commission Members Absent: Dodson, Engel, Zuber Staff Present: Amy Hamilton, DDA Coordinator; Leigh Thurston, Planner Guests: Dick Carlisle, *Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc.* Sally Elmiger, Principal, *Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc.* Paul Montagno, Associate, *Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc.* **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments: None MEETING TOPIC: CANTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – MASTER PLAN UPDATE 6:00 p.m. I. Open the Meeting** Phil LaJoy, *Township Supervisor* **6:05 p.m. II. Introduction** Amy Hamilton, *Downtown Development Authority Coordinator* introduced Melissa McLaughlin, *Downtown Development Authority Chairperson* **6:10 p.m. III. Background Presentation** Melissa McLaughlin, *Downtown Development Authority Chairperson* conducted a PowerPoint presentation to the attendees covering the following information: **ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE LAST DDA MASTER PLAN UPDATE** ?Master Planning & Zoning Master Plan Amendments Future land use change at Morton Taylor/Ford Rd. Lotz Road Corridor Development Plan Central Business District Overlay Flexibility in parking standards Common driveways/circulation Minimized front setbacks for outlot development Planned Development District Flexibility for residential density, mixed-uses Permits all uses, except for industrial ?Physical Improvements Redevelopment of former HQ site Redevelopment of farm property (between Lilley & Morton Taylor) I-275 interchange landscaping & pedestrian facilities Streetscape elements, buried overhead utilities, street lights within entire DDA District Smart traffic signals at IKEA Wayfinding system Goals not accomplished: Gateway entries; lighting down to Administration Building; incentive program to improve/maintain physical appearance of buildings and signage ?Marketing/Events ShopCanton promotions and website Wayfinding system also acts as a DDA brand/identity Summer jazz concerts TV/radio/social media Contract with marketing firm Participate in National Shopping Center Convention Recruit developers/businesses via Canton's Economic Development coordinator Goals not accomplished: Semi-annual meetings with residents and business owners; training for business owners; annual Board retreat; newsletter/cable program **2014 MARKET STUDY** ?Purpose was to identify specific target markets that could be attracted to existing developable sites within the Township ?Ford Road Retail District is anchored by IKEA and home to 3.5 million square feet of retail ?Located in an Effective Market Area (EMA) of 157 square miles, including: Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Wayne, Inkster, Romulus, Van Buren Twp., Ypsilanti Twp. and Superior Twp. ?Ford Road Retail Analysis Mix 251 existing businesses within 80 different categories 8.4% vacancy rate that could be used for retail 45 non-retail businesses, such as banks, medical offices, etc. ?Disposable Income/Consumer Expenditures – 3 market areas: In EMA market area = $3.5 billion In "transient traffic" market (pass thru traffic) = $18.3 billion In "occasional traffic" market (less frequent visits) = $86.2 billion ?Market Potential $476 million gap between total retail expenditures of people in the EMA and sales in the EMA Indicates consumers in the EMA spend more money at retail stores outside the EMA than within the EMA Also indicates that the area could attract additional retailers to capture retail drain Significant demand not met in EMA includes: Gasoline stations ($168 million gap) Food and beverage stores ($87.8 million gap) Clothing and accessory stores ($71.5 million gap) Motor vehicle & parts dealers ($66.7 million gap) Food services & drinking places ($40.5 million gap) ?Ford Road Competes on a National Retail Stage ?When compared to a similar shopping district, Ford Road Retail District outpaces it in nearly every category ?Study used Easton Town Center (Columbus OH) as comparison, an exceptional and highly-regarded town-center style shopping mall **GREY TO GREEN: FORD ROAD MULTI-MODAL RENOVATION** ?Multimodal transportation improvements to connect vehicles and pedestrians through the commercial core of Western Wayne County on either side of I-275 ?Inter-jurisdictional project including MDOT, Federal Highway Administration, Wayne County, City of Westland and Canton Township ?Includes interchange improvements, Lotz Road paving, & boulevard along 2 miles of Ford Road and 0.5 miles of Haggerty Road ?Addresses: Severe traffic congestion and vehicular accidents Improves accessibility to I-275 and commercial corridor Improves pedestrian and bike connectivity with links to regional trail network Provides economic value to region and State *A complete copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is available in the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI., 48188, during regular business hours.* **6:30 p.m. IV. Visioning/Brain-writing Exercise** Dick Carlisle, Sally Elmiger, Paul Montagno A Topic Sheet with 5 questions was presented to the participants: The participants were asked to add their ideas to the topic sheets. Following are the questions: 1. Are land uses and the business mix within the DDA District a reflection of the community's vision for this area? If not, how should land uses and/or the business mix be changed? 2. What physical changes should be made within the DDA District to make it more desirable or function better? 3. What marketing or educational programs or events should be initiated to better promote the District? 4. Could specific organizations be engaged to assist the DDA in meeting its goals? If yes, which organizations? 5. List any other ideas you have for the DDA District. The facilitators consolidated the ideas into similar ideas and categories. This consolidation process created "priorities" for each topic. **8:00 p.m. V. Conclusion** Dick Carlisle **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None OTHER: None ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Williams to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. _____ **Terry G. Bennett, Clerk**

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state. He indicated that Faith & Freedom officials would be conducting an investigation into the matter. There is, however, a Faith & Freedom Coalition of Michigan, listed as a 501(c)(4) social welfare nonprofit with a website.

Ann Arbor attorney and political consultant Stu Sandler lists Faith & Freedom Coalition as one of his clients on his website. Sandler is the founder of Hardworking Americans Committee, a political action group. Sandler says he worked with the Hardworking Americans Committee Super PAC and the Faith & Freedom Coalition of Michigan. Berry said that he and Sandler "are friends."

Sandler and Price are political associates and both worked for former Attorney General Mike Cox. Sandler was Cox' campaign manager and director of external affairs and Price was his director of constituent relations. Sandler attended Price's swearing-in ceremony when he was appointed as supervisor in Plymouth Township last spring.

"I've never seen anything like this in my career," Heise said. "It's almost as if I'm running against Stu Sandler...I don't know why he's so intense."

According to Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), a Washington D.C. think tank, nationally-minded chapters and state-focused super Political Action Committees (PACs) who raise unlimited sums are required to disclose their donors to the Federal Election Commission (FEC). CREW officials said this means the donors behind any spending by the group on "independent expenditures and issue advocacy" are not secret. "That transparency is easily subverted, however, when contributions are routed through nonprofits that can keep their donors secret." A CREW spokesman offered the example of Hardworking Americans Committee.

"More than half of the group's budget can be traced to dark money groups," CREW reports. The Republican State Leadership Committee (RSLC), a national organization with a focus on electing Republicans on the state level, was the top contributor to Sandler's Hardworking Americans Committee, according to CREW.

Financial contributors to the local Faith & Freedom coalition remain unidentified.

Bus monitor faces 3rd sexual misconduct charge

Rocky Perillo, the Plymouth-Canton school bus monitor charged with two felony sexual conduct offenses last week, has been charged with a third and separate offense by a Plymouth Township resident.

According to Plymouth Township Police Lt. Robert Antal, the victim came forward last week after reading about other charges filed against Perillo by parents of a juvenile who was 9-years old at the time of the incident. Perillo was living in Northville Township at the time, police said.

The latest offenses are alleged to have taken place in January of 2011 in Plymouth. The latest charges, like those previously filed, carry a penalty of up to 15 years in prison. Perillo will be arraigned on these charges at the 35th District Court where he entered a not guilty plea last week on the prior charges which did not involve students in the Plymouth Canton district.

Perillo, 46, who has worked for Durham School Services since 2014, was arrested on the initial charges by Northville police. He was arraigned on charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a person under 13, punishable by a 25-year minimum prison sentence and second-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a person under 13, punishable by a 15-year prison sentence. He pleaded not guilty to both charges at his arraignment.

Perillo now lists his residence as Plymouth Township and the latest incident took place during his time as a home health care provider.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and Durham School Services, the outside contractor which provides bus transportation services to the school district, issued a joint statement saying Perillo had been placed on unpaid leave pending the outcome of the criminal investigation.

"Safety is our top priority, and we will continue to keep that as our focus across all areas of our business," the statement reads. "We would like to reassure Plymouth Canton Community Schools parents and members in the community that we have a stringent hiring process for bus drivers and monitors. There are many steps taken before employment, this includes drug and alcohol testing and a criminal background check. Monitors and drivers are also fingerprinted which is sent to the state police who forward the information to the district.

"The alleged incidents were not reported until after the employee was hired by Durham and therefore did not show up on his background check," according to the statement.

"The Plymouth Township Police Department encourages anyone who believes they or someone they know who may have been a victim of inappropriate contact with the suspect to contact them at (734) 354-3250," Antal said in a prepared release

Praise church hosts 'Kidz Fest'

Praise Baptist Church will host Kidz Fest & Praise Fest from 3-9 p.m. June 4 on the church grounds.

The free event will include a hot dog lunch, games, inflatable, drawings, crafts and Chamberlin Pony Rides and Petting Zoo.

There will also be a free concert later from 6-9 p.m. featuring the band Chosen and artist Sarah Dalton with the PBC Band. The concert, like the children's activities is a free event.

The church is located at 45000 N Territorial Road in Plymouth.

For more information, contact the church (734) 455-2300.

City liquor license limit left at 14

There will be only 14 establishments in downtown Plymouth selling alcohol by the glass.

Members of the Plymouth City Commission approved an alcohol management ordinance last week which maintained the 14 establishment limit, following complaints from business owners regarding a potential parking shortage another license could cause.

Several critics of the plan attended the city commission meeting to continue their opposition to the plan in light of the current parking limitations. While the critics said they do not oppose growth in the community, they want parking available for the clients and customers who visit downtown currently.

Much of the discussion centered on the new Westborn Market which will be located in the remodeled post office on Penniman Street where owners plan a 90-seat café. They requested a transfer of an alcohol by the glass license to allow beer and wine service. The site currently includes 36 parking spaces, more than required by the city for the intended use. The market is expected to open in late June.

Also requesting another license are the owners of the Greek Islands Coney Island on the corner of Main Street and Penniman, a downtown business for more than four years.

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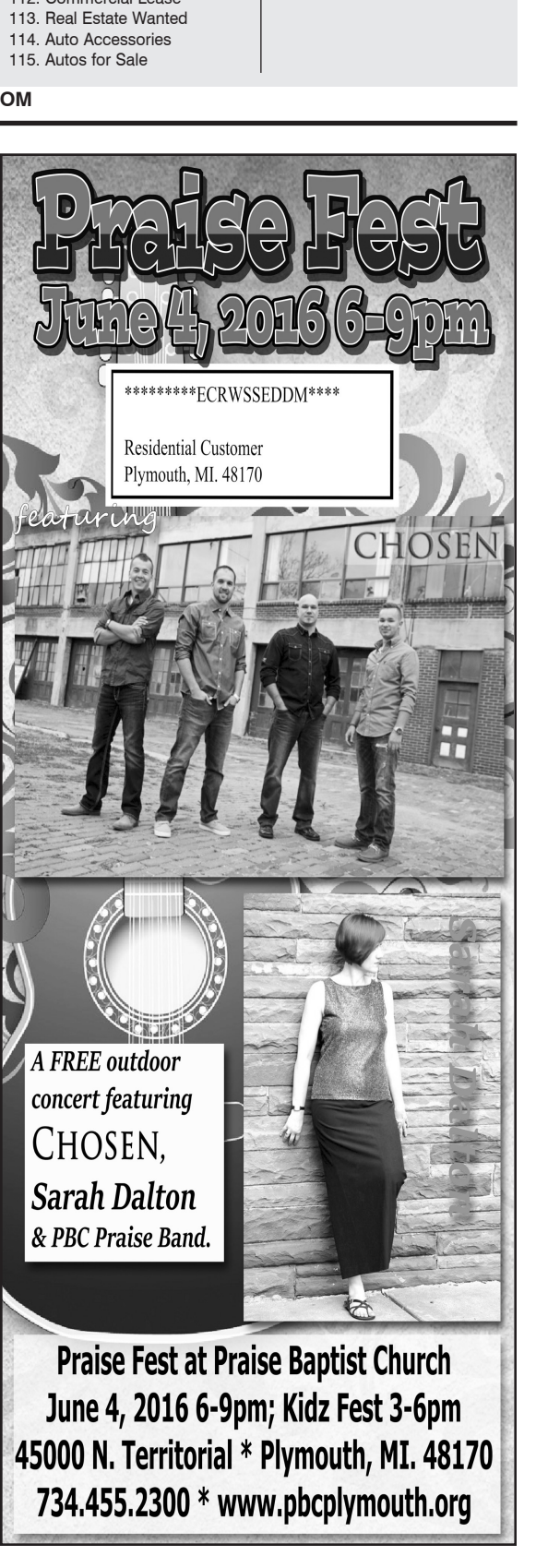

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Budget OK includes plan to meet with retirees

Members of the Wayne City Council may have approved the $15.7 million 2016-2017 budget last week, but a majority of them are hoping to amend the document. The budget was unanimously adopted on the third ballot following a proposal from Councilman Christopher Sanders that the city agree to "enter into earnest discussion with the city retirees within two weeks as an act of good faith to discuss the health care cost issues" in the adopted agreement. The budget as adopted includes a provision requiring retirees to pay 30 percent of their health care premiums and has a 30 percent cap on the portion of any increase the city will pay.

John Zech, the retired city manager who worked for Wayne for 31 years, spoke to the council prior to the adoption and urged them to reconsider this portion of the budget. Zech said that as a city employee, he like many others, was exempt from Social Security contributions and instead was subject to deductions for his pension. He said that many of the retirees affected by this increase would be severely affected as the small city pension they receive is their only source of income.

For some of these people, Zech said, this 30 percent could be half their monthly income.

Zech's remarks followed pleas from other retirees who explained the hardship this would cause them. The retirees stated that they were asking the council and city only to live up to the employment contracts under which they had worked for decades.

Zech suggested that a sliding scale might be effective in alleviating the hardship and would have retirees paying an amount commensurate with their incomes. "I think its unfair. I know we all have to help but there should be a better way to do it."

Several members of the council apparently shared the concerns of the retirees who spoke at the meeting.

The first two motions to approve the budget failed with Mayor Susan Rowe cautioning the council members that an intervention by the state could be a possibility should they fail to adopt a budget by the second meeting in May.

"That's fine, gentlemen," she said after the second 4-3 vote against the adoption of the budget. "Tomorrow I will make the calls to the state."

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Councilman Ryan Gabriel said during the discussion that he could not vote in favor of the budget as presented as the issue was not just numbers. "These are people," he said, referring to the retirees, "They have no more earning potential."

Councilman Richard Sutton said he had serious reservations about the budget, particularly a $300,000 cut in firefighter overtime which he said could eliminate the Mutual Aid agreement and place the city in a precarious position with Westland.

Councilman Tom Porter said the issue was the "hard cap" on city health care contributions. He said that the city has some difficulty in hiring qualified applicants now and had a problem with what this budget would mean to the future in the city.

Councilman John Rhaesa said that he had voted no on the last four budgets and was not opposed to a sliding scale but that the city had to do what was "right for the people working for us today. It's embarrassing at this point. There is no money. We will be broke in December of 2017," he said. "We need to do this in the best interest of the city going forward."

Rowe told the council members and the assembled audience, many of whom were retirees, that she "didn't want the city to end up in state hands. We have to pass a budget tonight," she said. "We can look at amendments. We will look at all departments, but we can't continue to function as we have." She said that with current state laws it will take the city 20 years to return to the revenue level they experienced in 2009.

"There is nobody to help us but the people who live here," she said.

Sanders said that he had previously been ready to support the budget as he understood it was an effort to "stave off" intervention by the state in the form of an emergency manager. He said he agreed that the cut in firefighter overtime "looked good on paper" and the budget "stalls off state intervention" he would not support the 30 percent increase or the 30 percent cap on costs in light of the impact on the retirees.

Councilman Anthony Miller, Rowe and Rhaesa cast affirmative votes all three times the budget question was called during the meeting, while Sutton, Porter, Miller and Sanders opposed the budget motion during the first two votes.

Following Sanders' suggestion that a motion to approve negotiations with the retirees prior to approval of the budget, approval from the council was unanimous.

No date for meeting with the retirees was provided.

In presenting the budget, Brian Camiller of Plante Moran, which serves as the outside city finance officer, said, "You can't generate enough income for your expenses."

The $1.5 million structural deficit was met in the budget with the use of $740,000 from the Other Post Employment Benefits fund and the use of $750,000 in the fund balance.

Camiller told the council members and Rowe that the city will run out of money before the end of 2017.

Re-location of city veterans memorials planned

The Westland Department of Public Works building in Westland seems a strange place for a veterans memorial.

But the small marker memorializing POW/MIAs which was formerly located between the old city hall building on Ford Road and the closed Bailey Recreation Center remains in the municipal building awaiting a new home.

Two other veterans memorials are also scheduled to be moved from the Ford Road property and installing them at the memorial garden located behind the William P. Faust Library has been suggested to the city by Ron Schley.

Schley is a member of the Westland Veterans Association which developed and funded the memorial garden. The memorial garden includes a large center memorial and paved walks to coves containing engraved markers.

Westland Mayor William Wild said that no decision has been made about the memorials. There has been a suggestion that the large, covered Vietnam Memorial be moved to the Bova VFW Post. Other suggested locations include the Lions Club Pavilion and the Farmers Market Pavilion area in Tattan Park.

Wild said that the POW/MIA memorial is small enough to move to the veterans garden while the other two structures are larger and would require professional movers to transport and reinstall.

Wild said that the city has been assured that the large memorials can be moved when a new location is finalized.

Inkster parade planned

The 47th Memorial Day Parade in Inkster this year will take a new route through the city.

According to Sandra K. Watley, executive director of the Inkster Citizen Action Network (ICAN) this will be first time in recent years the parade will travel down Michigan Avenue.

The Inkster Citizen Action Network was originally established to address the water rates in the city and has maintained the group to focus on community issues or to sponsor functions, such as the Memorial Day Parade, Watley said. Members of the group pay an annual $20 fee used to sponsor community initiatives.

This year, the parade route will travel eastbound to Bayhan from Hamlin Drive and proceed south on Bayhan to Trowbridge and then east on Trowbridge to Inkster City Hall.

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Calendar of events

Golfers aid Lutheran school

The 15th Annual Lutheran High School of Westland Open golf tournament is now accepting reservations.

The tournament will take place beginning with registration at 8:45 a.m. June 16 at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, 44045 Five Mile Road in Plymouth.

The day long event includes a shot gun start, 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch and beverage tickets, a dinner with a cash bar, contests, door prizes and favors, all for $135 per person or $110 for seniors older than 60.

Sponsorships are still being sought at levels from $100 to $1,000.

For registration or more information, contact Kevin Wade, (734)422-2090.

Lions Club sets meetings

The Lions Club of Belleville meets at 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month in room C104 at the Wayne County Community College District Belleville Campus.

For information about attending a meeting or club membership, contact William Van Winkle, (734) 254-9404.

Parade will honor veterans

The Wayne Westland Veterans Parade, organized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars 3323 will mark the 20th year of the event when the line-up steps off at 1 p.m. May 29 from the Wayne Ford Civic League parking lot at 1645 North Wayne Road in Westland.

The parade will travel north on Wayne Road then on to the Westland Veterans Memorial Garden behind the Westland Library where there will be a short memorial wreath laying ceremony.

The event is open to the public.

For information, contact the VFW at Hrobertson70@gmail.com or call San Stachow at (734) 427-2520 or Heather Robertson-Mitchell at (313) 576-7268.

The parade committee is still seeking entries, sponsors and volunteers for the event.

Park open to riders

The Wayne County Parks Saturday in the Park program is under way and visitors can now walk, run, skate or cycle safely along 6 miles of Hines Drive from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. every Saturday. Hines Drive will be shut down to vehicular traffic from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive so that guests have the opportunity to participate in their favorite activities in a vehicle-free environment. The Saturday in the Park program will continue through Sept. 24. All ages can participate. Parking is available at the Hines' Park Helms Haven Area located on Hines Drive, west of Outer Drive and Hines Park Nankin Mills Picnic Area at Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail.

Plymouth veterans parade set

The Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony in Plymouth is planned for 8 a.m. Monday, May 30 when participants will begin lining up at Wing and Harvey streets downtown. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. and march up Main Street to the Plymouth Veterans Memorial Park where a memorial ceremony is planned.

This year, the parade is being organized by the Plymouth Lions Club, American Legion Post No. 391, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6695 and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 528.

Parade entrants are still being accepted. For more information, contact Lee Ekholm at (734) 812-8724.

The parade is free and open to the public.

Canton service planned

The Canton Fire Department Honor Guard will host a Memorial Day service at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30. The event will take place at the Veteran's Memorial Center located in Heritage Park, directly behind the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Representatives from the United States Marine Corps will also present a ceremonial wreath posting at the 1st Battalion 24th Marine Division Memorial, located on the same site.

The public is invited to attend this memorial service honoring those who have lost their lives while protecting and serving our country.

Tea honors Wayne mayor

An Afternoon High Tea honoring the first female mayor of Wayne, Susan Rowe, is planned for 3-6 p.m. June 11 on the grounds of the Historical Museum.

The event is hosted by the Wayne Historical Society and will be catered by Victoria's Tea Salon and will include a variety of tea sandwiches, scones, pastries, and teas. Event proceeds will help support continued programming at the Wayne Historical Museum and the improvement of exhibits and storage of artifacts.

Tickets are priced at $31.74 and are available through teawithmayor.eventbrite.com. Men are welcome at the event. Guests are asked to wear garden attire including dressy clothes and hats. Gloves are optional.

Tickets are also available at the museum from noon until 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

For more information, call (734) 722-0113.

Murder, mayhem and tea

The Plymouth Historical Museum will host a murder mystery tea performed by the Plymouth Living History Troupe from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 12.

Come dressed to impress in your finery from the Roaring 20s or simply come as yourself and for the tea delicacies and the museum special tea, Mary's Blend. Audiences can interact with the performers and use their sleuthing skills to help solve the murder.

Tickets, now on sale, are $25 for Plymouth Historical Museum members and $30 for non-members. Add $5 to the price after June 3. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum located at 155 S. Main St. in Plymouth. More information is available at (734) 455-8940 or visit www.plymouthhistory.org/events.

Flea Market is planned

The Romulus Historical Society members are organizing the Annual Flea Market which will take place this year from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. June 11 at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St. in Romulus.

Vendors are asked to furnish their own tables in rented spaces which range in price from $15 to $20. Set up will begin at 7 a.m. for vendors.

For more information, or to rent space, contact Cathy Morse, (734) 941-6361.

Police golf outing set

The Jack Demmer Ford Golf Outing benefiting the Canton Police Benevolence Fund is planned for June 15 at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center.

The participation fee is $195 for individual golfers or $700 for a foursome. The fee includes 18 holes of golf, a continental breakfast, lunch, complementary drinks, contests, dinner and banquet with awards and prizes.

The day will begin with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

For more information, contact the Canton Community Foundation (734) 495-1200.

Sponsorships ranging from $125 to $5000 are still available.

City plans Shred Day

The City of Plymouth will be hosting a Shred Day from 9 a.m. until noon June 18 at city hall. The city has partnered with Shred Legal to offer this free service to residents and property owners. All city of Plymouth residents and property owners are encouraged to bring up to 100 pounds or three banker boxes of confidential documents to be securely destroyed. As well as ensuring that personal information is protected, participants will be taking part in a recycling program. All shredded paper is baled and sent to paper mills and recycling centers where it will be converted into reusable material. Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 17 trees from being cut down; 380 gallons of fuel oil; 7000 gallons of water and 4000 Kilowatt hours of energy

This event is free for all City of Plymouth residents and property owners and photo identification will be required.

Those with more than three banker boxes are asked to bring the documents in batches

More information is available at (734) 453-1234 x401 or by email at shred@ci.plymouth.mi.us

Father's Day run takes off

The Plymouth Father's Day Run, a benefit for the YMCA, is planned for June 19.

Events this year include:1 Mile Fun Run; 5K Run; 5K Walk and a 10K Run

Register to run or volunteer online at: plymouthfathersdayrun.org.

Wednesday concerts announced

Music In The Park, a 32-year "Summer Wednesday at Noon" tradition will be hosted again this year by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Concerts will begin June 22 and continue through Aug. 24.

The 10-week concert series is free to the public and made possible through the generosity of community business and organization sponsors.

The schedule this year includes:

June 22 - The Chautauqua Express
June 29 - Mr. Seley & The Troublemakers
July 6 - To Be Announced!
July 13 - Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady
July 20 - Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic
July 27 - Fairground Band
Aug. 3 - Matt Watroba
Aug. 10 - Gemini
Aug. 17 - Barbara Bailey Hutchinson
Aug. 24 - Joel Tacey's Tip Top Entertainment

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